

# **Board Workshop Agenda Item**

## **Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting**

**April 25, 2023**

### **Legislative Updates for the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

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#### **BOARD GOALS**

##### **TEACHING & LEARNING:**

- develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates
- cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments supporting all students
- establishing high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship
- cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district
- incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- foster and support an advanced digital learning environment
- establish goals for individual campuses that incorporate both measurable and intangible factors

##### **CULTURE & CLIMATE:**

- honor the dedication and professionalism of all staff
- celebrate, respect, and promote the value of diversity in our Denton ISD Community
- support a working environment ensuring open and transparent communication
- establish high expectations for success
- instill in students a love of lifelong learning
- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being
- effectively communicate achievements and recognitions to the Denton ISD community

##### **GROWTH & MANAGEMENT:**

- recruit, employ and retain high quality teachers
  - remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
  - work with the community in planning and facility development
  - utilize citizens' advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks
  - adjust policies and procedures to address rapid growth and changing demographics, nurturing our strong sense of community
  - demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources
  - provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.
  - encourage teachers and staff to pursue advanced degrees
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- pursue energy efficiency and conservation principles -
- develop a budget focused on student and professional learning
- maintain a diverse workforce

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS:**

- support college, career, military and life readiness
- engage students in extracurricular clubs and organizations
- Advocate for public education across the state and nation
- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life

#### **Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of this report is to provide updates and resources to the Board of Trustees regarding the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

#### **Objectives:**

To provide an opportunity for open discussion of additional information and resources from the Board of Trustees in relation to the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

- Additional resources:
  - [Texas Legislature Online](#)
  - NTX Public Schools Legislative Network Bill Tracker: <https://www.quorum.us/dashboard/external/yjvNfFDnCDBpItBIeCFb/>
  - Texas PTA: <https://www.txpta.org/legislative-priorities>
  - Texas Association of School Administrators: <https://tasanet.org/advocacy/tasa-legislative-priorities/>
  - Texas Association of School Boards: [TASB 2022-2024 Advocacy Agenda Priorities](#)
  - Raise Your Hand Texas: <https://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/>
  - Texas School Coalition: <https://www.txsc.org/about/priorities/>
  - North Texas Commission: <https://www.ntc-dfw.org/advocate>

#### **Operational Impact:**

Operational impact should be minimal; however, travel and related expenses may be involved in meeting with elected officials.

#### **Results:**

##### **Advantages:**

Utilizing various formats to communicate the District's legislative priorities and alignment to our *guiding statements of outcomes* allows Denton ISD to articulate the value of our advocacy efforts. Staying abreast of legislative proposals and actions, while preparing for

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conversation and discussion with our elected officials may have significant impact to policies directly related to public education. Sharing information with our Denton ISD community creates a stronger voice and prepares voters as they consider policies impacting public education. Partnering various advocacy commissions and other such organizations reflects a strong partnership within the Denton community, which supports public education.

**Disadvantages:**

None noted.

**Other Options:**

None noted.